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NATIONWIDE NEWS

PB amended General Limitation Order L-123 to permit farmers to obtain items of general industrial equipment frequently used on farms without furnishing A-1-c priority ratings required by others. A farmer now need only to certify to his dealer that he is a farmer and needs the equip-

ment in operating his farm.

Substantially increased program for production of farm machinery to get under way July 1 was announced by WPB Chairman Nelson. A total of 300,000 tons of carbon steel, with other materials in proportion, has been allocated to farm machinery program for quarter beginning July 1. To assure continuous and balanced production, advance authorizations totalling an additional 200,000 tons of steel have also been approved for each of the three quarters from October 1, 1943, to July 1, 1944.

IVILIANS will receive nearly 70 per cent of the prospective supply of canned vegetables, including soups, and 53 per cent of the canned fruits and juices during the next 12 months, says the War Food Administration in announcing the allocation of these commodities. The allocations represent the planned division of the expected supply of these canned products which will cause them to be used most effectively in meeting domestic and overseas food requirements. Canned foods, because of their relative non-perishability and ease in storing and shipping, are among the most important foods for military use. The quantities allocated for civilians will provide during the 12 months beginning July 1 about four per cent more of the vegetable products than were consumed on the average during the

1935-1939 period, but about 40 per cent less of canned fruits. In terms of total quantities of both groups of products, this represents about 213,-000,000 cases for civilians during the next 12 months, compared with estimated civilian consumption of 278,-000,000 cases in 1942 and an average of 225,000,000 cases during 1935-1939. These supplies will be augmented by heavy home canning production. During the next fiscal year, allocable supplies of canned vegetables, including soups, baked beans, and baby foods, are estimated to total 262,000,-000 cases, with this prospective supply divided as follows: 70 per cent to civilians, 26 per cent for military and war services, and 1.2 per cent for our allies, and the remainder for other exports and contingency reserves.

ARM preference for non-highway gasoline extended to all States: Farmers in all 48 States now have first call, above all other civilian uses, on available gasoline supplies as far as fuel for non-highway farm uses is concerned.

Along with action taken to combat a serious unbalance in crude oil and petroleum product supplies, the Petroleum Administration for War has directed gasoline suppliers in 31 states to give first choice in motor fuel deliveries to non-highway use requirements on the same basis as military requirements.

Farmers are entitled to first call in receiving motor fuel when they present valid "E", "R" or bulk coupons or ration checks. This means that, if necessary, the dealer shall not deliver any motor fuel for any non-agricultural or non-military use until these preferred demands are satisfied. PAW said that the dealer in turn has

the same right to demand from his supplier preferred replacement of motor fuel he has delivered to meet farmers' needs. This right of preferred replacement carries right back through the distribution chain of petroleum suppliers to the refiner, according to PAW.

HE War Food Administration and the Office of Price Administration have announced a program for the marketing of fruits for canning and freezing for the 1943 season. The marketing program is based upon the need for processed foods and the importance of maintaining prices to consumers at reasonable levels.

The marketing program on the Pacific Coast will include food distribution orders on pears and clingstone peaches, designed to limit shipments to fresh channels at approximately last year's level in order to insure adequate supplies for processing. The administration of these orders will be carried out in the field in order to insure the flexibility necessary to prevent food wastage.

Ceiling prices will be established by the Office of Price Administration for canned and frozen fruits based upon raw product prices prevailing in 1942, with an exception in the case of free-stone peaches in California. Raw product increase of \$10.00 per ton over the 1942 price is designated for California free-stone peaches by the War Food Administration in order to establish prices for this fruit for processing at a level in line with the other fruits. The Government will purchase the entire pack of processed free-stone peaches.

NDIVIDUALS from 11 states and the District of Columbia have been appointed on an industry committee of 15 members to recommend a minimum hourly wage rate for the Fruit and Vegetable Packing and Farm Products Assembling Industry, employing approximately 250,000 per-

This was announced by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U.S. Department of Labor, who appointed the Committee.

The function of the Committee, which is the sixty-second one to be appointed under the provisions of the Wage-Hour Law, is to take evidence, to hear testimony, and then to recommend to Administrator Walling the highest minimum wage rate (above 30 cents but not to exceed 40 cents an hour) for those employed in the industry, with due regard to economic and competitive conditions in that in-

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The metal strip which supports the top of the citrus box is removed.



The box is cut to the correct length—191/2 inches outside length for an apple box.



The center piece is removed. In this operation, the use of a board to protect the slats is very necessary in order to prevent splitting.

MEETING THE CONTAINER CRISIS

By ROY C. JAMES

Washington, D.C.—The manufacture of wooden containers has decreased as the demand for lumber for military uses has increased. As a result there is a great shortage of boxes for packing fruits and vegetables, especially in the East. Substitutes for lumber, such as fiber board and bag materials, are available in limited quantities only. Therefore, many wooden containers must be salvaged and made to serve again and again.

Packages such as wire-bound boxes, hampers, and baskets are being reused to a large extent. These used containers can be readily collected and reshipped in the same form as the new package. This is not true of nailed boxes. When assembled, these boxes occupy much more space than the loose shook from which they were made and in which form they were shipped to the original user. Knocking down nailed boxes often results in breaking and damaging the parts. The use of secondhand nailed boxes has been restricted, therefore, to areas adjacent to cities where the box is emptied of its contents.

The larger nailed boxes, such as those for citrus, do not adequately meet the needs of producers in these nearby districts. Thus, the re-use of these packages has been limited. It is believed that not more than 20 per cent of the nailed citrus boxes find their way into re-use channels.

These boxes are made chiefly of scarce and valuable western pine. More of them are manufactured than any other wooden container, except the bushel basket. The re-use of these rather plentiful and valuable containers is a wartime must. Their salvage will not only help to solve our problem of getting fruits and veg-

etables to market but will aid in conserving valuable materials for use in the war effort.

Large citrus boxes can easily be made into smaller boxes which are better adapted to the needs of growers located near the markets where the boxes are salvaged. The accompanying photographs furnished by the Food Distribution Administration, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, illustrate the simple processes for converting a standard California orange box—which has little re-use value in the East—into an apple box—which is very much needed in the East.

The remade box meets the dimension requirements for the apple box listed as Item No. 1 in Limitation Order L-232 (an order administered by the Containers Division of the War Production Board and which defines the types of wooden shipping containers which may be made for freshfruits and vegetables). This box has an inside dimension of 11½" by 11½" by 18".

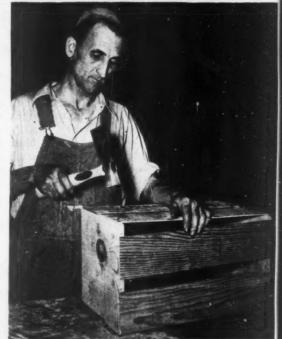
When the regulations in L-232 regarding printing and labeling become fully effective, all printed marks and labels will be confined to one end of a box. The marked end is, of course, the one to cut off when remaking a box.

Still another apple box—called the metalless box—was designed and made up at the U. S. Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland, by C. J. Thompson and D. F. Fisher especially to conserve steel and to facilitate re-use. While this box was

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The metal strip which was removed from the top of the citrus box is nailed across the bottom of the remade apple box.

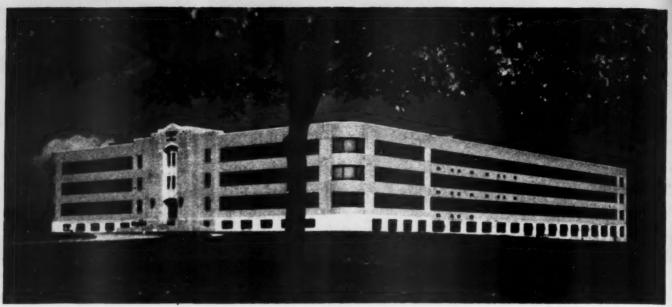
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The center piece is cut to make the new end and is nailed in place.



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Above is the United States Department of Agriculture's Eastern Regional Research Laboratory at Wyndmoor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Here is where the experimental work, from which the bland apple syrup has been developed, has been carried on. A product developed out of wartime necessity, it will be an invaluable and useful product after the war.

BLAND APPLE SYRUP

By ROY C. JAMES

NE of the newest and most talked-of developments of the moment is the bland apple syrup which has been developed by the U.S.D.A. Laboratories at Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania. Though continued research undoubtedly will reveal many possibilities for it in pharmaceutical and food uses, its most instantly recognized value is that it can be used in the place of glycerine in the manufacture of tobacco. As a humectant

in treating cigarette tobacco, it represents a profitable and great outlet for unmarketable but sound apples.

The ultimate syrup is light amber in color and possesses no distinctive flavor, even apple flavor. It is 75 per cent solids. However, only a syrup and not a dry sugar can be obtained from apples. The process is simple and could be undertaken by any group possessing the required equip-ment. Only sound fruit can be used

since Federal laws prohibit the use of unsound fruit in food products. In its manufacture very immature fruit is to be avoided because it has a low sugar content. Overripe fruit is difficult to handle in the hydraulic press that is used in its processing. In most of the U.S.D.A.'s experiments frozen juice from sound fruit, held in cold storage until midwinter, was used. Varieties used were Winesap, Delicious, York, Stayman Winesap, and Grimes Golden. All were satisfactory.

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The main items of equipment needed for production of this syrup are as follows:

Apple sorting belt Apple washer Hammer mill or grater

Hydraulic cider press

Small tank with stirrer, for preparing milk of lime Large tank with heating coils, or

jacket and stirrer, for liming the

Glass-electrode pH meter, or colorimetric pH outfit

Filter press

Tank for clarified juice

Vacuum pan, or other vacuum evaporating equipment with necessary condenser, source of vacuum, and means for removal of condensate

Source of steam for heating and evaporating

Pumps, miscellaneous tanks, scales Barrels for finished syrup.

The process in general consists of sorting, washing and grading the apples. The apples are washed to remove spray residue and ground in a hammer mill. The juice is extracted by means of the hydraulic press. The juice is treated with a slurry of hydrated lime until the pH value is eight. Then it is heated and filtered. The clarified juice from the filter press is treated with dilute sulfuric (Continued on page 10)



in the future in lieu of sugar.

A convenient and inexpensive Top-of-the-Stove Dehydrator which can be placed on the top of any electric, gas, coal or wood stove and will do a very satisfactory job of drying fruit.

be considered a Must, at least for the duration. It is a means of contributing to the war effort as well as at the family table which fruit growers should put into practice themselves and preach to all their contacts and consumers.

Home drying offers real promise of help to conserve fruit as a victory food although it may have certain definite limitations which each family must work out to meet its own needs. Home dehydrators, small in size and convenient to use as well as inexpensive to buy, are now available. If a family definitely embarks upon a home drying of fruit program, it will prove a real contribution to the war effort because home drying does not



HOME DEHYDRATION OF FRUIT

By JONAS HOWARD

require sugar, nor the materials, as rubber, metal closures, etc., used in more common types of food preservation.

In regions with clear, dry, practically rainless periods, certain kinds of fruit may be sun-dried on an outdoor shelf, a roof sloping toward the South, or on racks on sunny windows. Good fruits for sun-drying are apples, apricots, raspberries, cherries, peaches and prunes.

To dry with artificial heat, an evaporator or dehydrator is required and this in home unit size can be purchased or homemade.

It is important to prepare the fruit properly for drying as well as to see that the fruit is dried so that, when water is added and it is cooked, the fruit is restored to its natural condition. The fruit should be carefully cleaned, pared, and cored. Because most fruits will turn color when exposed to the air, it is necessary to expose the fruit to the fumes of burning sulphur, or to use some other precaution which prevents discoloration. This is done by spreading the fruit in the trays which are immediately placed in the sulphuring box for 20 to 30 minutes, prior to being put in the evaporator.

The sulphur box must be located outdoors and for home use it may be simply a tight packing box or wooden frame, closely covered with roofing

paper or wallboard, of sufficient size to enclose a stack of trays with about a foot of extra length. Two blocks of wood are laid on the ground to form a support on which trays of fruit may be stacked with pieces of wood between so as to allow space for the fumes to penetrate over all the trays. The proper quantity of sulphur is placed in a heavy metal vessel, such as an iron saucepan, ignited, and placed in the spare space at the end of the stack. Then the box is inverted over the whole in such a way that it fits snugly against the ground. It is allowed to remain thus for the time required.

Whether or not fruits intended for home use must be sulphured is a matter of individual preference though fruit, intended for market, should be sulphured in order to make it more salable. However, if fruit is to be sun-dried, it need only be spread very thinly on the trays and immediately placed in the sun.

In general, the best temperatures for drying are between 125° and 160° F. Increase the temperature in the middle stages of drying and decrease toward the end. If the temperature is too low to begin with, the fruit may sour; if it is too high the water-filled cells of fruits may expand and burst. Or the products may harden on the surface, thus making it more difficult for moisture to be removed from the inside of the food.

When the drying products have lost

considerable moisture, increase the temperature. Reduce it again toward the end of the process. Otherwise the food may scorch—or caramelize, if it contains a great deal of sugar.

A thermometer is a help in regulating the temperature of a heated drier, but when thermometers are not available old-fashioned rules of thumb still hold good. Learn to tell by the feel of the material on the trays whether it is drying satisfactorily. It should be moist to the touch and cooler than the air flowing over it. If the food is practically at air temperature and not moist to the touch, it is drying too fast.

Fruits are ready to remove from the drier when they are tough and leathery. If in doubt as to whether material is dry enough, leave it in the drier a little longer, but reduce the temperature. As long as the temperature is held low enough, there is not much danger of food becoming too dry.

Proper condition for storing.— Even though they pass the test for dryness, fruits taken from the drying trays are not uniformly dry, and pieces that are too moist may cause mold to develop. Sort food carefully, and return to the drier any pieces that show signs of moisture.

As a final precaution against insects, just before storing return all foods to the drier and reheat for 10 to 15 minutes at a temperature from 165° F. to 180° F.

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PR. M. J. Dorsey, Dept. of Horticulture, University of Illinois, Urbana, is chairman of the Committee on Nomenclature of the American Pomological Society. A few days ago, Dr. Dorsey stated that "Recently. I have had three instances come up involving the naming of new varieties. In one case, the rules of naming new creations were followed and in the others they were not.'

By publishing the Code of Nomenclature of the American Pomological Society, we again call attention of horticulturists, not only how to proceed but also indicate the contacts they should make in having new plant names checked to determine whether or not the proposed name may have been used before. Those who propose to name new plant creations can avoid endless confusion by adhering to the principles of correct procedure as outlined in the Code.

> THE CODE OF NOMENCLATURE OF THE AMERICAN POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(Revision of 1941)

Purpose of the Code

This code aims to establish and maintain a system of pomological nomenclature that shall be simple, appropriate, stable, and in accordance with the standard of the American Pomological Society. To this end it is urged that all persons conferring names upon new varieties of fruits endeavor to select simple and, preferably, one-word names that are fittingly expressive of some character, quality, place, person, or event associated with the source, time, or place of origin of the variety.

Scope of the Code

This code applies to all cultivated fruits and nuts

Right to Name

1. The right of the originator, discoverer, or introducer of a new variety to name it, within the limitations of this code, is recognized.

Priority

2. The name first published for a variety shall be the accepted and recognized name except (a) when contrary to the provisions of this code, and (b) provided that names thoroughly established in American pomological literature shall not be displaced.

3. A name once published for a variety shall not be applied to another variety of the same group or kind. The same name, once established through long usage for two or more American varieties, shall not be displaced for either or radically modified except when a suitable synonym can be used for one of the varieties. When no such synonym is available, the two varieties shall be distinguished by the addition of the name of the author who first described

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Form and Spelling of Names

4. Names of new varieties shall be of one word preferably, but two words will be accepted. However, names of existing varieties, not in conformity with this rule, but which are well established by usage, shall not be changed in such a way as to

lead to confusion or loss of identity.

5. The spelling and pronunciation of a variety name shall be the same as that of the person, place, substance or quality from which it is derived.

6. A possessive noun shall not be used.
7. A name shall not be formed by the compounding or hyphenating of two or more existing names, but this does not prohibit the formation of a one-word name from the parts of two or more existing names. Neither Bartlett-Seckel nor Bar-seck may be used, but Barseck is admis-

8. The hyphen shall not be used between

the words of a name.

9. Initials or titles shall not be used as a part of a variety name—e.g., P. Barry (pear), Doctor Matthews (apple), or Gov-

ernor Hogg (peach).

10. The use of such general terms as seedling, hybrid, beurre, damson, pippin, or

rare-pipe are not in harmony with this code and should be avoided.

11. An imported variety shall retain its foreign name, but it may be translated into its English equivalent, provided it does not conflict with the provisions of this code or with an existing American name in the same group or kind.

12. The name of a person shall not be

applied to a variety during his life without

Publication of Names

13. Publication consists in the distribution to the public of a name in printed form, accompanied by a recognizable description or illustration. A variety name may be established by current usage. A name, so established, shall be considered as published and shall have precedence over a later printed name for the same variety. Publication may be made in any book, bulletin, report, memorandum, trade catalog, or periodical which is distributed to the

Type of Variety

14. The type of a variety is the original plant. Type descriptions or illustrations shall be made from material produced by the original plant, if available and making normal growth, or from plants as near as possible to it in a sexual reproduction, growing preferably in the same pomological

15. The complete description of a variety shall consist of a detailed account of the characteristics of the plant, foliage, flowers, fruit, season, and habit of growth, so as to distinguish it from other varieties

of similar appearance.

Naming "Bud Sports"

16. In naming the bud sports of recognized varieties, the names selected should, as far as possible, identify the new strain with the parent variety, if the season of ripening or period of use has not been changed. One-word names formed by using parts of two or more existing names, or a single descriptive name either before or after the parent variety name will be recognized.

Recognizing Usage

17. Where there is a long-standing and well-established trend in the use of a name, which, according to the priority rule, is a synonym, the situation may be reviewed thoroughly by the Committee of Nomen-clature and where justified action may be (Continued on page 10)



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taken to recognize the name thus established.

Varieties Under Test

18. New or unnamed seedling selections while under test may be designated by number, letter, code term, or by other tentative names, without such designation being given the status of a varietal name. When a variety so held is later named, the name selected should be given priority over the tentative designations according to the priority rule of this code.

Renaming for Trade Purposes

19. Renaming a variety having an established name is declared unethical and contrary to the objectives of this code in establishing a permanent system of nomenclature.

Names Proposed for New Fruit Varieties

20. In order to avoid confusion, all proposed names for new varieties should be referred to the Division of Fruits and Vegetable Crops and Diseases, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland, for checking before being published.

Committee on Nomenclature

Dr. M. B. Davis, Dominion Horticulturist, Central Experiment Station, Ottawa, Canada; Dr. G. L. Slate, Experiment Station, Geneva, New York; Mr. John Bregger, Division of Research. Soil Conservation Service, Clemson, S.C.; Mr. Paul Stark, Louisiana, Missouri; Dr. M. J. Dorsey, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, Chairman.

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acid until the pH value is between 5 and 5.5 and then evaporated to a syrup containing approximately 75 per cent of solids.

In connection with food purposes, this syrup will be valued largely as a sweetening agent. Though it is somewhat inferior to invert syrup and honey, it is superior to corn and sorghum syrups, and about equals maple syrup. It is too sweet for general table use. Its humectant and burning properties make it important for tobacco products.

WEED KILLER AGAIN AVAILABLE

A recent WPB order releases quantities of Ammonium Sulfamate for weed killing purposes. This chemical which is the chief ingredient of Du Pont Weed Killer has proved a boon to orchardists troubled with Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, and other noxious weeds. Young Oak, Wild Cherry, Sumac and Barberry, serious pests in many orchards, are killed when their leaves are covered with the spray.

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PENNSYLVANIA—The fruit situation in Pennsylvania has changed somewhat since early estimates. The strawberry crop averaged about 50 to 55 per cent. Raspberries are a full crop, peaches slightly less than in 1942 but it appears at the present time that the crop should be about 85 per cent of 1942. The apple crop, although rather spotted, appears to be between 50 and 60 per cent of 1942, whereas the grape crop is about 85 per cent of normal. The cherry crop will probably run between 30 and 35 per cent of last year.—JOHN U. RUEF, Sec'y, State College.

MARYLAND—For over two months, a committee of growers from the various western Maryland fruit sections has been combing out any possibility of labor source and labor housing. Soldiers from nearby camps have volunteered for work in canning crops during emergencies. All people concerned with the harvest labor problem are grimly determined that no fruit shall waste if it is humanly possible to obtain labor to work in the orchards.—A. F. VIERHELLER, Extension Horticulturist, College Park.

TENNESSEE—Crews for last year's peach picking were made up almost exclusively of old men, cripples and young boys. By fall, the ranks of these had been thinned, and in many apple orchards, women made up from a third to a half of the picking crews. Due to very short crops of peaches and apples, and the extremely favorable price for fruit this, year, most growers will be able to get sufficient harvest labor—such as it is.—A. N. PRATT, Horticulturist, Nashville.

MICHIGAN-In Michigan we have in prospect a good crop of peaches which will probably total 2,600,000 bushels, which is about 400,000 bushels larger than was harvested in 1942. We also have in prospect a good grape crop but the number of bearing grape vines in the state has been materially reduced during the last decade because of lower grape prices. Further, we have in prospect a cultivated blueberry crop which may be 25 or 30 per cent larger than our crop of a year ago. More than 500 acres of cultivated blueberries are now in bearing. All other fruit crops, such as apples, pears, plums, sweet and sour cherries are much lighter than a year ago. The Michigan sour cherry crop probably will not exceed 21,000,000 pounds, compared with a crop of 96,000,000 pounds harvested last year. Pears and plums are extremely light crops and may not total more than 20 or 25 per cent of the crops harvested a year ago. In 1942 we harvested 9,234,000 bushels of apples. Our crop this year probably will not exceed 6 or 61/2 million bushels. Jonathans will compose 25 per cent or more of the winter apples. Crops of Spy and Delicious are very light. Early ap-ples, Duchess and Wealthy, indicate a better crop than winter varieties.—H. D. HOOT-MAN, Sec'y, East Lansing.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Members of the executive committee of the New Hampshire Horticultural Society, who met recently in Manchester, estimate that the State's apple crop will be about 80 per cent of last year's bumper yield. Weather has been favorable to the development of scab and while conditions in that respect are spotty it is evident that control has been successful on most commercial orchards.

Harvest labor problems were analyzed by the committee members who indicated they AUGUST. 1943



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expected that high school students would be the real salvation this fall.

A new development is of interest in this respect. Boy Scout troops are reported to be interested in establishing camps in the con-AMERICAN FRUIT GROWER centrated apple areas for the purpose of furnishing harvest help. Details are being worked out jointly by the Scout leaders, the Farm Labor Placement officials and the Extension Service.—A. L. FRENCH, Sec'y, Concord.

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FRUIT CROP OUTLOOK

(FROM U.S.D.A. REPORTS)

APPLES—The condition of apples in commercial areas on July I was 53 per cent—12 points below July I, 1942 and 7 points below the 8-year (1934-41) average. Production prospects are below a year ago in most States —a notable exception being California where the crop is expected to be considerably above last year and above the 8-year average.

In all of the North Atlantic States except Vermont July I conditions indicate smaller crops then were harvested in 1942. Wealthys are the only important variety reporting a higher condition than a year ago.

In the North Central States, materially smaller crops than were harvested last year are expected in Ohio, Michigan, Nebraska, and Kansas. Conditions better than last year are reported in Wisconsin. Summer and fall varieties have better prospects than the winter varieties in the North Central States.

In the South Atlantic group, the July I condition is sharply below last year in all States.

In the West, larger crops than last year's harvest are indicated for California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Montana, and in Idaho only 18 per cent of normal in comparison with 58 per cent on July 1, 1942. In Washington and Oregon, crop prospects are somewhat below a year ago.

PEACHES—Prospects for the United States peach crop declined further during June and production is now indicated to be only 43,042,-000 bushels—35 per cent smaller than the 1942 crop and 22 per cent smaller than the 10-year (1932-41) average.

PEARS—Prospective production of pears declined during June with the July I condition pointing toward a total United States crop of 23,130,000 bushels. This is 5 per cent less than the June I forecast, 25 per cent less than the 1942 crop of 30,717,000 bushels and 17 per cent less than the 10-year (1932-1941) average production of 27,938,000 bushels. A sharp decrease in the 1943 crop was reported for all important producing States except California. In the South Atlantic States, conditions continue unfavorable with the crop indicated to be only one-fifth of the 1942 production.

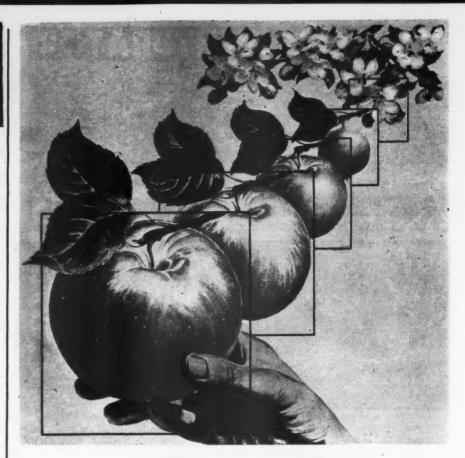
GRAPES—Grapes are the only important deciduous crop which appears likely to be in good supply in 1943. The prospective production is 2,621,700 tons, compared with 2,402,150 tons in 1942 and the 10-year (1932-41) production of 2,354,460 tons. The larger prospective production in California more than offsets the smaller tonnage than in 1942 for all important producing areas of the East and Middlewest.

CITRUS—United States orange production for the 1942-43 season is now estimated at 84,702,000 boxes compared with 82,434,000 boxes produced during the 1941-42 season and 82,726,000 in 1940-41. United States grapefruit production is placed at 50,224,000 boxes—25 per cent more than was produced in 1941-42 and 17 per cent more than in 1940-41.

PLUMS—Production of plums in California and Michigan is estimated at 68,800 tons compared with 77,300 tons in 1942, and the 10-year (1932-41) average of 69,040 tons.

CHERRIES—Indicated production of all varieties of cherries in the 12 commercial States is 126,690 tons—35 per cent below the 1942 crop and 15 per cent below the 10-year (1932-41) average production.

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